

## PELOSI -- Dear Colleague on Response to Mass Shootings

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Dear Democratic Colleague,

Thank you to all the Members who participated in today's very thoughtful and sad conference call regarding the recent gun violence tragedies in Gilroy, El Paso, Dayton and Chicago. We heard from the chairs of our committees of jurisdiction, our Gun Violence Prevention Task Force and Members representing the areas impacted by the shootings.

On the subject of domestic terrorism, we recognize the leadership of Homeland Security Committee Chairman Bennie Thompson, who announced a series of hearings to address the national and personal security threat of white supremacy and domestic terrorism, starting next week.

On the subject of gun violence prevention, we are aggressively moving forward in pressing Leader Mitch McConnell to call the Senate back into session to pass the Bipartisan Background Check Act (H.R. 8) and the Enhanced Background Checks Act (H.R. 1112), which the House passed in February.

We thank Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerry Nadler for announcing further possible committee action during the district work period on other gun violence prevention legislation, including a red flag bill.

We appreciate the efforts of Gun Violence Prevention Task Force Chairman Mike Thompson, who suggested several ways to put pressure on the Senate and to consider other gun violence prevention legislation.

The House stands ready to return to pass legislation, if the Senate sends us back an amended bipartisan bill or if other legislation is ready for House action. We will pursue public events in Washington and across the country, and make full use of pro-forma sessions and tele-Town Halls to update the American people on the possibilities.

For years, Democrats have worked with the survivors of gun violence on legislation and promised that we would never stop until we got the job done. Public sentiment is in favor of gun violence prevention. The American people must weigh in with the Congress and the President.

I join Leader Schumer in asking Leader McConnell to call the Senate back and bring up the Bipartisan Background Check Act (H.R. 8) and the Enhanced Background Checks Act (H.R. 1112).

As was indicated on our call, the terrorism of white supremacy is challenging the very character of America. We must work in a hopefully bipartisan way to remove that cancer from our society. To do so, we must ensure that federal agencies, including the FBI, have the resources to protect our country from this curse.

We call upon the President to make this effort a priority for his Administration.

Thank you for your leadership and compassion at this sad time.

best regards,

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